

# WELCOME TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – ST. MARY’S

Parish Office hours: Tuesday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

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*Live the Gospel! Whatever it Takes...*

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## Weekday Masses and Intentions

Tuesday 1/14 5:30pm For the People

Thursday 1/16 4:30pm Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 1/17 8:30am For the People

## Weekend Masses and Intentions

Sat. 1/18 6:00pm Tg + The Living & Deceased Members of the Roberts Family

*Offered by Missy Roberts & Family*

Sun. 1/19 8:30am +Mary Jo Bomberg

*Offered by Tammy & Randy Wiles*

+ Deceased, Tg Thanksgiving

Confession available 30 minutes before all Masses

## Ministry Schedule

**Saturday, January 18th**

Sacristan - Dan Throm

Eucharistic Minister - Dan Throm

Lector - Heather Roberts

Lead Usher - Skip Bilsky

**Sunday, January 19th**

Sacristan - Clara McLain

Eucharistic Ministers –Derek Parker

Lector - Carolyn Lemanski

Lead Usher - Jerry Divine

Money Counters - Jerry Divine & Dorothy Vayda



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## Lost & Found

A gray winter jacket was left in the parish hall!



1/4 Sat. Coll.	Loose.....\$67.00	Envelope.....\$235.00	Total.....\$302.00
1/5 Sun. Coll.	Loose.....\$279.00	Envelope....\$400.00	Total...\$679.00
	<b>Electronic.....\$40.00</b>	<b>Misc....\$25.00</b>	<b>Total...\$65.00</b>
		<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$1,046.00</b>
Budget:	\$2,028.00	2023: \$1,539.00	



*“...And a voice came from heaven,*

*“You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased...”*

- Luke 3:21-22

## Koinonia Retreat

**@ St. Mary’s**

**What:** Koinonia Retreat...a Catholic retreat similar to a Cursillo

**When:** May 30 – June 1, 2025

**Time(s):** Begins Friday @ 5pm, concludes Sunday @ 5pm

**Who:** For single individuals and married couples

**Where:** @ St. Mary’s Parish, Florence

**Details:** All meals included; Diocese of Green Bay Approved, 256th such retreat! Come to the church during the day, and in the evening, you can go home and sleep in your own bed.

**Contact:** Larry & Barb Neuens [nuinns@borderlandnet.net](mailto:nuinns@borderlandnet.net) or call

715-625-1011

# ST MARY’S WELCOMES YOU TO THE SOLEMNITY OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD!



- ◆ **Thank you** to Mr. Eric Printz for the generous donation of the Latin Missal, dated back around the 1920’s, now displayed in the parish hall!
- ◆ Thank you for our snow-shoveling volunteers this past month!
- ◆ Thank you to: Steve Dott, Kathy Thede, Clara McLain and the Parker Family for volunteering to ring bells this year! The total for the Salvation Army Bell Ringing was **\$405.95!**

St. Vincent DePaul Activities for the months of: *Oct / Nov / Dec*

	First Month	Second Month	Third Month
Families served through the Pantry/Commodities	<u>66</u>	<u>83</u>	<u>76</u>
Adults	<u>96</u>	<u>117</u>	<u>109</u>
Children	<u>21</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>21</u>
People Helped with Rent	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
People Helped with Utilities	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Helped with Gas Vouchers	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
Helped with Prescriptions	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Helped with Other Items	<u>2 furniture</u> <u>2 boots + jackets</u>	<u>1 microwave</u>	<u>1 car seat</u>

This Store is always in need of help. If interested, call 715-528-4720 to volunteer.

*There were 39 families, 101 children who received new toys, clothing + food for Christmas through the Community Giving Tree.*

- ◆ If anyone has a need or interest in **gluten-free or Celiac-friendly options for Holy Communion**, please let the office know or ask for more information.
- ◆ If any family or individual would like to sponsor **the purchase of our 2025 Paschal Candle**, please let us know. It could be in memoriam of a family member or friend who has passed. At the end of the year, the family/individual will receive the Paschal candle.

Friends, the Gospel for the Baptism of the Lord highlights themes of identity, humility, and God’s love. In Luke’s Gospel, Jesus is shown as God’s Son who comes to serve. At His baptism, the Holy Spirit descends, and God calls Jesus His beloved Son. This gives us a glimpse into the

Trinitarian nature of God. This event shows Jesus’ closeness to God and begins His public mission. Luke often focuses on Jesus reaching out to those in need and showing God’s mercy. Here, Jesus joins others in baptism to set an example of humility, marking the start of His ministry and God’s saving work.

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord has its impact on our own baptism. It is through baptism; we are grafted into Christ and share in his relationship with the Father. Jesus chose the lowest place on Earth, the Jordan River, to begin his public ministry. Through baptism, we receive new life and become sons and daughters of God. We are equipped with the power of the Holy Spirit, received in confirmation, to be bold witnesses of Jesus in the world. At times we may feel unsure or inadequate, but as we rely on the Holy Spirit, words and guidance will be given to us. We must embrace our baptismal identity: priests, prophets, and kings. As priests, we are called to intercessory prayer. As prophets, we are called to speak God’s words. As kings, we are called to order our lives and direct others towards the kingdom of God.

Jesus, though sinless, chose to be baptized by John the Baptist, who called people to repent. Why did Jesus, who had no need to repent, decide to be baptized? One reason is that Jesus wanted to show his support and understanding for us. He wanted to share in our humanity and weaknesses. By being baptized, Jesus stood with those who were seeking forgiveness and a new start. He showed that he was not distant from us but very close, sharing in our struggles. May we be filled with the Holy Spirit to follow Jesus’ example of love and service, so we can bring hope and kindness to others. Amen.

~ Fr. Soja

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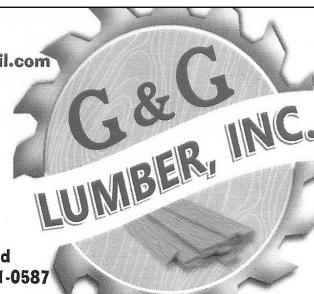


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## Knights of Columbus

Local Council #2847 meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at St. Anthony’s Parish Hall in Niagara.

For more information contact:  
 Larry Neuens at 715-589-3379

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